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NOTE VERBALE DATED 24 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 20 December and 23 December, there appear to have been three flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, information has become available about another 10 flights between 17 and 19 December which were not listed in the letter dated 21 December (S/24900/Add.5). Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I and II to this note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

Annex I

Supplementary information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by UNPROFOR

17-19 December

SRL	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, Speed, Altitude
335	17 Dec	09.04		An MI 8 was observed overflying the Canadian forces position North to South. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	South 300 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
336	17 Dec	10.20		An MI 8 helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position from South to North. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	North 500 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
337	17 Dec	12.10		An Gazelle helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian position heading West. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	West 1500 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
338	17 Dec	15.00		An helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position from North to South. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	South 600 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
339	17 Dec	15.30		An Gazelle helicopter, painted blue and white, was observed overflying the Canadian forces position heading West. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	West Unknown Unknown
340	17 Dec	16.58		A helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position heading South West. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	North 600 feet 90 KTS (103 mph)
341	17 Dec	17.00		A large helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position from South to North. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	North 600 feet
342	19 Dec	11.30		An Gazelle helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position heading East. There was no ordnance observed to the helicopter.	East 600 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
343	19 Dec	11.52		An Gazelle helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position heading North West. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	North West 600 feet 100 KTS (115 mph)
344	19 Dec	15.15		An Gazelle helicopter was observed overflying the Canadian forces position turning North West. There was no ordnance observed fitted to the helicopter.	North West 900 feet 90 KTS (103 mph)

Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorised by UNPROFOR

20-23 December

SRL	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, Speed, Altitude
				20 December 1992 No Violations Reported	
345	21 Dec		11.05	A MI-8 helicopter, tail number 12219, was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield. The UNMOs were informed that this was a MEDEVAC mission, however it was not observed conducting any MEDEVAC activity. This helicopter was not carrying any ordnance.	340 Slow 300 feet
346	21 Dec	11.17	11.23	AWACS detected low speed aircraft, probably a helicopter, 25 miles West of Mostar. It was tracked for 10 miles flying towards the town of Mostar.	South East Slow 1700 feet
				22 December 1992 No Violations Reported	
347	23 Dec	18.14	18.30	An aircraft was tracked using the PLESO airfield radar by UNMOs. The aircraft track started at the position of Udbina airfield and ended at the position of CAZIN airfield.	North East 170 KTS (195 mph) unknown